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HOUSE BILL NO. 852

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## BY REPRESENTATIVE JACK SMITH

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD: (Constitutional Amendment) Allows IEB to appropriate funds to avert an impending emergency as defined by law

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2	Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 7(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana,
3	relative to the Interim Emergency Board; to allow the board to
4	appropriate funds to avert an impending emergency; to provide for
5	submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of
8	the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted
9	to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the
10	manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 7(B) of the
11	Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
12	§7. State Debt; Interim Emergency Board
13	Section 7.
14	* * *
15	(B) Powers. Between sessions of the legislature, when the
16	board by majority vote determines that an emergency or impending
17	emergency exists, it may appropriate from the state general fund or
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borrow on the full faith and credit of the state an amount to meet the emergency. The appropriation may be made or the indebtedness incurred only for a purpose for which the legislature may appropriate funds and then only after the board obtains, as provided by law, the written consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. For the purposes of this Paragraph, an emergency is an event or occurrence not reasonably anticipated by the legislature and an impending emergency shall be as provided by law.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the congressional primary election to be held in 1998.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To allow the Interim Emergency Board to appropriate funds to avert an impending emergency as well as for an emergency and to provide that the legislature shall define an impending emergency. (Amends Article VII, Section 7(B))

## **DIGEST**

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<u>Present constitution</u> creates the Interim Emergency Board and provides for its membership and authority. Provides that the board may appropriate from its

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fund monies to meet an emergency if such appropriation is approved by 2/3 vote of the legislature.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> adds to authority of the board the authority to appropriate to avert an impending emergency. Provides that the legislature shall define an impending emergency.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election in 1998.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §7(B))